

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claims 1-3, 6 and 9-11

1. (Amended) Polypeptide mediating cell permeability (CPP) , wherein CPP comprises the following amino acid sequence:

X o i i o X X i o X i X

in which

X = variable amino acid (hydrophilic, hydrophobic or with charged side groups)

o = hydrophobic amino acid

i = hydrophilic amino acid

wherein CPP is [no] not a native HBV surface protein.

2. (Amended) The polypeptide mediating cell permeability (CPP) according to claim 1, wherein CPP comprises the amino acid sequence of figure 1 or an amino acid sequence differing therefrom by one or more amino acids and is [no] not a native HBV surface protein and wherein the DNA sequence of the latter amino acid sequence hybridizes with the DNA of figure 1.
3. (Amended) A nucleic acid, coding for CPP according to claim 1 [or 2].
6. (Amended) An expression plasmid, comprising the nucleic acid according to claim 3[, 4 or 5].

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9. (Amended) An antibody directed against CPP according to claim 1 [or 2].
10. (Amended) [Use of CPP according to claim 1 or 2] A method for mediating cell permeability to substances comprising using the CCP according to claim 1.
11. (Amended) [Use] The method according to claim 10, wherein the substances comprise polypeptides, nucleic acids and chemical compounds.

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